

## ALLEN DENOUNCES COTTON REDUCTION

Kansas Governor Says Growers Tread Upon Misery of World in Effort to Maintain High Prices.

## MIGHT APPLY TO WHEAT

Farmers Strive to Raise Foodstuffs and Make No More Money He Says Than Southerners.

TOPEKA, Kas., March 24.—The cotton growers of the south, in their effort to limit the acreage of cotton to maintain high prices are treading upon the misery of the world's poor, former Gov. Allen charged today in a letter refusing an invitation from the South Carolina cotton association to attend a conference of which reports of the campaign to reduce acreage will be received. The letter was addressed to J. R. Wanamaker, Columbia, S. C., chairman of the association.

Using his conclusions upon government crop conditions, Governor Allen estimated that cotton growers are making as much money with cotton at 25 cents a pound as Kansas farmers are making with wheat at \$2.25 a bushel.

Kansas farmers are doing every thing they can to increase the wheat yield so that everyone may have bread but it seems that the cotton growers are trying of the same time to prevent the same people from having clothes," he declared.

"That any group of men who the world is still grappling with the tremendous problems arising from shortage of staple commodities, should begin a deliberate organization to retard production, is unspeakable," he continued.

It would be just as hateful for the wheat farmers of Kansas, the corn farmers of Iowa, the raisers of Illinois, or the livestock producers of Texas to deliberately combine to create a shortage in foodstuffs than for the famine of the world would pay them well to do the cotton interests of the south to combine for that purpose.

"For these reasons and because I utterly lack sympathy with the purpose of the meeting I will not be able to accept the invitation," he concluded.

## SWINDLE TRIED AGAIN ON FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS

## ANDREW AND IMOGENE

BY ROE PULKERSON.

"ANDREW," said Imogene, plaintively, "it's been a long time since we have been any place."

"Back her up and start again," advised Andrew, "that remark comes out the same hole it went in."

"You know what I mean? It has been so long since we have been away from home to see some new sights and some new scenes."

"What don't we take a little trip to New York?"

"Well, till July first," said Andrew, "it will cost us less."

"But I want to go," she persisted.

"Honey, what on earth do you want to go over there and mess around with fat ladies, concrete mixers and electric signs?"

"I want to go to the cabarets and the shows."

"There is not a thing in the town worth seeing. The war has killed everything."

"The Black Cat is dull and uninteresting because all Greenwich Village is dead."

"The show up at Healy's is just the same old Joe-skating thing, with a few new costumes and a few new girls, and you would not like that."

"The show at the Strand Roof is new, but outside of a father pretty chorus there is nothing startling about it."

The Mountaineer, the mercantile, and the place is all crowded, and simple fun, sir, and you would not care for that."

"The show at the Edwards' show in the basement of the Marquette is full of good-looking chickens, and they sing one good song there. What you going to do in the Morning?" and that's all there is to that."

"Then there is the same rather indifferent performance at Tokyo during the dinner hour, and the clarinette shrieks like a banshee, and you could hear them sing."

"The Winter Garden offers nothing of any consequence, either, or is Becker's anything to brag about."

"Why when I was over in New York I—"

"We are going over for three days next Thursday," snipped Imogene.

"You are trying to correct yourself now, but you had just as well bush."

"You came home from New York all tired out and told me you did not have any time for frivolity. You were so tired every night you just went home and went to bed and thought about me."

"We are going to New York, and you are going to sit up every night and think about me."

You need not tell me that some one told you about all those places. You went to see every one of them, and I am going over and see them too, and you are going to show them to me. You are abusing the shows to keep me from going, and I am sure every one of them is well worth while, and we are going to see that Mr. Augustus Edwards' show first one of all, too."

"Yes, dear," replied Andrew, weekly.

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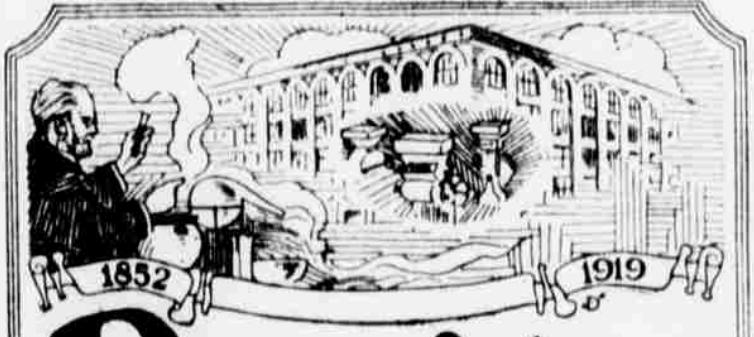
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